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“LAY DOWN THE FENCES AND FIND COMMON GROUND”



## Joseph F. Smith

is the son of Arthur Smith, the grandson of Alexander Smith, and the great-grandson of Joseph Smith, Jr. He comes in Christ's name to invite all those who believe in the Book of Mormon and the restored gospel to prepare for Zion's redemption.



## ✘ The Willing & Obedient ✘

*“Let the unbelieving hold their lips, for the day of wrath shall come upon them as a whirlwind, and all flesh shall know that I am God”*  
(D&C 63:2b)

### THE LORD WILL COMPLETE HIS WORK

Irrefutable divine intervention to complete the work—the Lord's protection of the righteous and the establishment of His kingdom on earth—will show everyone that God exists.

The redemption of Zion not only completes the latter-day glory as vouchsafed in

the Restoration, but it so overwhelmingly confirms the unequalled power of the Father and the Son that every person must confess that God is and that His Christ, their Savior, is worthy. Unto them and them alone belong all blessing, honor and glory.



### October Schedule

Joseph will be in Salt Lake City, Utah October 18-29. He will bear his testimony in public meetings. His scheduled will be posted at [www.jfsm.org](http://www.jfsm.org).

### The Redemption of Zion

Jesus' parable reveals that the heavenly Father will extend two invitations when the time for the wedding supper comes. The first occurred in Joseph Smith's time. Zion's redemption waits for the time of the second invitation. The Course of Zion's Redemption explains how the church's history fulfills prophecy and how prophecy describes Zion's redemption. Those wishing a free copy may download one at [www.jfsm.org/ZionsRedemption.pdf](http://www.jfsm.org/ZionsRedemption.pdf).



## The Winding Up Scene

Last week, on Sept. 27, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dramatically appealed to the UN for help in stopping Iran from developing a nuclear bomb. He made it clear that Israel will take action with or without other assistance. A military strike against Iranian nuclear sites will likely spark increased terrorism and Arab unrest. It may precipitate war.

A war with Russia has long been prophesied by RLDS members. It was also foretold by Joseph Smith, Jr. Jesse Fox, who traveled with the saints from Nauvoo to Utah, recorded the testimony of James Taylor, the father of John Taylor: *“The old gentleman said that one time the Prophet Joseph was in his house conversing about the battle of Waterloo, in which Father Taylor had taken part. Suddenly the Prophet Joseph turned and said, ‘Father Taylor, you will live to see though I will not, greater battles than that of Waterloo. The United States will go to war with Mexico, and thus gain an increase of territory. The slave question will cause a division between the North and the South, and in these wars greater battles than Waterloo will occur. But,’ he continued, with emphasis, ‘when the great Bear (Russia) lays her paw on the lion (England) the winding up scene is not far distant.’”* This prophecy was first published in 1890.

Any Mid-East conflict will pit Israel, the US and England against Russia and most of the Moslem world. Ezekiel promised the Arab’s destruction. Prophesying against Seir, the mountain of Edom, he said, *“I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it”* (Ezek 35:9-10). What are the two nations referenced in this prophecy? Are they not the latter-day gathering places for scattered Israel—America on this continent and Israel on the old continent? Yet those two nations did not simultaneously exist when Ezekiel prophesied—not until 1948.

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### Support Joseph

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## The Winding Up Scene (Continued)

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Ezekiel elaborates by identifying a confederacy of God and Magog, which refers to Russia, along with “*Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya*” (Ez 38:5). He adds that this Russian-Arab alliance “*shalt think an evil thought; and thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, to take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land*” (Ez 38:10-12). Peaceful, unwalled villages without bars or gates does not describe any place in the Mid-East, but it describes America. And as the prophecy, predicts America was once a wilderness that is now inhabited with people from many nations.

Clearly, Ezekiel’s prophecies accurately describe the current Mid-East situation. The same could have been said almost at any time during the past 60 years. However, divisions and polarization have intensified since then. Today, America seems endlessly engaged in a war on terrorism. Netanyahu’s threat against Iran, especially if carried out, will certainly exasperate an already tenuous situation.

Will conditions continue to erode until an inevitable Mid-East war precipitates? Apparently not. Ezekiel explains that God will expedite the conflict. The Lord said, “*I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armor, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords*” (Ez 38:4). He who created all things, from the distant galaxies to the tiniest quarks, also presides over the destiny of all nations. Paul said that God “*hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation*” (Acts 17:26). God himself will determine the extent of Russian-Arab alliance and the time of its end. He will finish its opposition against His two nations by compelling the Russian confederation to attack.

Isaiah also foretold the need for God’s saving intervention. After describing His people’s wayward revelry and their contract with “*death and hell,*” He decrees a vexing judgment: “*For the Lord shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act*” (Is 28:21). God will rise up to save His great latter-day work. When He does it and what He does will entice the Russian confederation to attack.

The reason that God must rise up is not clear in our Bible. The Septuagint, which was translated into Greek at least a century before Christ, is more explicit. It says, “*Learn to hear, ye that are distressed; we cannot fight, but we are ourselves too weak for you to be gathered*” (Is 28:19-20 LXX). It goes on to render *Mount Perazim* as *mountain of ungodly men*. An army that descends on Israel, America and England would be a mountain of ungodly men.

World conditions are portentous. Netanyahu’s red line, which he says will be crossed by next summer, is an ominous reminder of how close full-scale war is. The reason that it is necessary is that latter-day saints are unable to come together and fulfill their divinely-assigned task. God must do it if He is going to save His work. As He does, judgment must accompany Him.

Joseph F. Smith’s invitation to the saints to put their differences on the shelf long enough to learn how to work together for Zion’s redemption is very timely. When devastation overtakes America, when armies invade, when the Lord sets His hand again the second time (Is 11:11), will the saints’ differences keep them apart? Will they prevent the Lord from bringing Zion again? It is more likely that those who insist on their interpretation, desire to keep their present title and position, or who have let differences so deeply separate them from other believers, will find themselves excluded when the Lord intervenes.

No person can adequately prepare for what is coming. Neither can any group. Tens of thousands, probably millions, will gather to the appointed land in that day. What will be necessary then is the saints’ willingness to share all they have with any in need, regardless of perceived differences.

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